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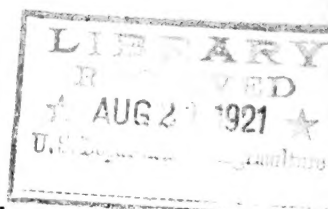
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INSECT PEST SURVEY

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VELVET BEAN CATERPILLAR (Anticarsia gemmatilis Hubn.)

Reports have just been received from Mr. J. R. Watson and Mr. Jeff Chaffin that the velvet bean caterpillar has just appeared in central and northern Florida. Adults were first observed at Cocoa in Brevard County on August 15 and at Gainesville in Alachua County on August 16. From previous observations this insect should be expected to reach southern Georgia by September 1 and southern South Carolina by September 10. This insect is a serious pest to the velvet bean throughout Florida and southern Georgia and though the moths in their annual flight have been recorded as extending as far north as southern New York it is not recorded as a serious pest of any other forage crop.

